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Dear Members of the Virginia Congressional Delegation:

We are writing to you regarding the need for assistance for improvements to Virginia's interstate highways, especially Interstate 81 (I-81) in Virginia's Shenandoah Valley.

As you know, I-81 is in dire need of improvements to increase safety and relieve congestion. Accidents on the Staunton to Winchester leg of I-81 in particular continue to rise, as does the congestion impacting commuters. I-81 carries 42% of statewide truck traffic volume and trucks comprise 20 to 30% of the traffic volumes on some sections of I-81. A Virginia Department of Transportation study has identified 41 projects to be undertaken on I-81. Unfortunately, due to a lack of adequate federal funding, these projects have not been brought to fruition. Ultimately, these problems will not be resolved without addressing the need for an additional travel lane at important safety pinch points, a project the Commonwealth cannot afford without federal assistance.

We are requesting that you work with President Donald Trump's Administration in order to secure funding for Virginia's interstates and to help provide congestion relief and safety improvements for I-81 in particular. President Trump has demonstrated a commitment to improving our Nation's infrastructure and I believe our Congressional Delegation, working in conjunction with the Administration, will be able to address this longstanding transportation and public safety need in the Shenandoah Valley.

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We would appreciate a reply to this correspondence and confirmation of your commitment to work on this issue this year in Congress. Thank you in advance for your attention to this matter. Please do not hesitate to contact us should you have any questions or require additional information.

Sincerely,

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